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Community protection and preparedness are about ensuring that the whole of society can cope with both minor and major accidents and crises. Emergency preparedness is intended to protect the lives and health of the population, society's ability to function and the capacity to uphold basic values such as democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

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On 4 July, the Government adopted Sweden's first defence and security space strategy – The role of space in a new security environment.

Published 05 July 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Pål Jonson](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Carl-Oskar Bohlin to visit South Korea and Singapore](#)

On 17–22 March, Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin will travel to South Korea and Singapore. The programme includes bilateral meetings focusing on total defence and cybersecurity, and Mr Bohlin will also represent Sweden at the Summit for Democracy in South Korea.

Published 15 March 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Reintroduced temporary internal border control](#)

The Government has decided to reintroduce border control at Sweden's internal borders from 12 November 2023 to 11 May 2024. The decision is based on the Government's assessment that there is a serious threat to public order and internal security.

Published 15 November 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ministry of Justice](#)

[Government statement in light of attack in Brussels](#)

Yesterday evening, the Government received the alarming news that two Swedes were killed in a terrorist attack in Brussels. The attack appears to have been aimed at Sweden and Swedish interests. Our thoughts are with the deceased and their relatives.

Published 17 October 2023 · [Statement](#) from [Acko Ankarberg Johansson](#), [Andreas Carlson](#), [Anna Tenje](#), [Camilla Waltersson Grönvall](#), [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Ebba Busch](#), [Elisabeth Svantesson](#), [Erik Slottnér](#), [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Jakob Forssmed](#), [Jessika Roswall](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Johan Pehrson](#), [Lotta Edholm](#), [Maria Malmer Stenergård](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Niklas Wykman](#), [Pål Jonson](#), [Parisa Liljestrand](#), [Paulina Brandberg](#), [Peter Kullgren](#), [Romina Pourmokhtari](#), [Tobias Billström](#), [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Government](#)

[Investments in civil defence and crisis preparedness in the autumn budget](#)

In light of the serious security environment, the Government has proposed a number of investments in civil defence and crisis preparedness in the Budget Bill for 2024 and the autumn amending budget for 2023.

Published 22 September 2023 · [Article](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Swedish Security Service raises terror threat level](#)

The Swedish Security Service has raised the terrorist threat level from level 3 ('elevated') to level 4 ('high') on a 5-level scale. In light of the deteriorating security situation, the Government is working intensively and constantly to take the necessary measures.

Published 21 August 2023 · [Article](#) from [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

[Review of Public Order Act to strengthen Sweden's security](#)

The Government has decided to appoint an Inquiry Chair to examine whether Sweden's security could be considered when examining permit applications and setting conditions for public gatherings under the Public Order Act.

Published 21 August 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

[Reintroduced temporary border control at internal borders](#)

The Government has decided to reintroduce border control at Sweden's internal borders from 12 May to 11 November 2023. The decision is based on the Government's assessment that there is a serious threat to public order and internal security. The current decision expires on 11 May.

Published 05 May 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

[Continued investigations of M/S Estonia](#)

In the 2023 Spring Amending Budget, the Government proposes that the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority be allocated SEK 25 million for further investigations of the M/S Estonia in 2023. As part of its investigations, the Authority will salvage the vessel's bow ramp and photograph and film the vehicle deck.

Published 18 April 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[EU and international donors' pledge €7 billion in support of the people in Türkiye and Syria following the recent devastating earthquakes](#)

Today, a total of €7 billion were pledged by the international community at the 'Together for the people of Türkiye and Syria' International Donors' Conference, co-hosted by the President of the European Union, Ursula von der Leyen, and by the Prime Minister of Sweden, Ulf Kristersson, for the Swedish Presidency of the Council.

Published 20 March 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell to attend donors' conference in Brussels](#)

On Monday 20 March, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell will attend the international donors' conference in Brussels. The Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU initiated the donors' conference to help the people in Türkiye and Syria affected by the earthquakes.

Published 20 March 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[International Donors' Conference – Together for the people in Türkiye and Syria](#)

Earthquakes: The European Commission and the Swedish Council Presidency will host an International Donors' Conference in support of the people in Türkiye and Syria on 20 March in Brussels.

Published 10 March 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Additional Swedish support for those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria](#)

(New version) Sweden has pledged an additional EUR 6.8 million to the response in Syria, where the earthquakes have exacerbated an already dire humanitarian crisis. On 12 February, 300 family tents were transported to Türkiye. To date, Sweden has contributed approximately EUR 10.1 million in support for those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.

Published 14 February 2023 · Updated 09 March 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Sweden providing additional EUR 3 million in emergency assistance to those affected by earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria](#)

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is providing approximately EUR 3 million in emergency assistance to those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria via four of its humanitarian partner organisations. The aid will go to meeting basic needs such as winter clothing, water and psychosocial support for children. In total, Sweden is now providing approximately EUR 13.6 million to those affected in the two countries.

Published 22 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)

[Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell visits Türkiye in connection with the earthquake disaster](#)

Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell is visiting Ankara today together with European Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi for joint talks with Turkish representatives. They will discuss the donor conference in support of the earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria, initiated by Sweden together with the European Commission.

Published 22 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)

[Additional SEK 30 million in humanitarian support and experts to Türkiye and Syria](#)

In response to the humanitarian situation following the powerful earthquakes that struck Türkiye and Syria, the Swedish Government has taken a swift decision to provide an additional SEK 30 million in humanitarian support and to contribute experts and equipment. The Government has also authorised the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency to offer support via NATO.

Published 07 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[The Swedish Government presents new support package to Türkiye and Syria](#)

On Tuesday 7 February, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell and Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin will hold a press conference on a new support package to earthquake-stricken Türkiye and Syria.

Published 07 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)

[Government measures in response to earthquake in Türkiye](#)

The Government is taking swift and resolute action in response to the earthquake that hit Türkiye and northern Syria today, through support measures and in its role as holder of the Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Published 06 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Press conference with Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell and Director General for the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency \(MSB\) Charlotte Petri Gornitzka](#)

On Monday 6 February at 17.00, Minister for Civil Defence Carl-Oskar Bohlin, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell and Director General for the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) Charlotte Petri Gornitzka will hold a joint press conference on Sweden's support to Türkiye and Syria.

Published 06 February 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Carl-Oskar Bohlin](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Defence](#)

[Reintroduced temporary internal border controls](#)

The Government has decided to prolong border controls at Sweden's internal borders from 12 November 2022 to 11 May 2023. The decision is based on the Government's assessment that there is a serious threat to public order and internal security in Sweden. The current decision on internal border controls expires at midnight tonight.

Published 11 November 2022 · [Press release](#) from [Gunnar Strömmer](#), [Ministry of Justice](#)

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